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MEMUKANDUM FOR:

Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

William M. Baker

Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT:

Arrangements to Receive the American Legion

Distinguished Service Medal

1. You will be receiving the American Legion Distinguished Service Medal on Tuesday, 1 March, 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. at the Sheraton Ballroom, Sheraton Washington Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, NW. Phone: 328-2000 I will remain with you throughout the program.

2. Arrangements: You are asked to be at the convention entrance of the hotel at 9:45 a.m. Deputy Director of Public Relations for the American Legion, John Hanson, will meet you and escort you to the backstage of the Ballroom. You will be met by the following:

*John P. "Jake" Comer

National Commander

*James P. Dean

Past National Commander

Robert W. Spanogle (Spa-NO-gul)

National Adjutant

Mylio S. Kraja (KRAH-ya)

Executive Director, Washington

Headquarters Office

Pearl Behrend

National President, American Legion

26 February 1988

Auxiliary

*See opposite for biographies. The American Legion photographer will take photographs.

Jim Dean and Jake Comer will escort you to the stage and remain with you. Mr. Dean will introduce you at 10:00 a.m. and present you with the Distinguished Service Medal. (A ribbon with the medal will be placed around your neck and photographs will be taken.) Your remarks before the legislative rally are scheduled to begin at approximately 10:01 a.m. and last about five minutes. At the end of your remarks Jake Comer will escort you backstage and photographs will be taken of you wearing the medal. You will be able to depart at approximately 10:20 a.m.

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A standing podium and microphone will be available. DCI Security will tape your remarks for the Agency's historical files.

- 3. Audience: You can expect an audience of 1500-2000 Legionnaires and Auxiliary members. Media coverage of the award ceremony is not definite. However, if the media are present, they will be on a platform in the back of the room.
- 4. <u>Background</u>: The Distinguished Service Medal is the Legion's highest honor, and has been presented to Presidents and other leading US citizens (See opposite for list of recipients.) Criteria for receiving the award include outstanding service to the nation and to the program of The American Legion to protect our form of government. Due to a conflict in your schedule, you were unable to receive this award at their annual convention last August.

President Reagan is scheduled to speak on Monday, February 29th at a special joint meeting of the Legion and Auxiliary. Other presentations will take place at the March 1st rally prior to the time that you receive your award. ABC-TV and the Public Broadcasting System will receive a Legion commendation for Project Literacy US (PLUS), and Representative Edward Boland of Massachusetts will be presented the Legion's Public Service Award for his work in Congress on veterans' issues. On March 2nd a representative of the Nicaraguan paper LA PRENSA will receive the National Commander's Public Relations Award. The Legion has supported aid to the Contras for the last several years. Jake Comer visited Nicaragua twice in 1987.

The American Legion is the nation's largest veterans' organization with a membership of 2.9 million men and women. To be eligible, a veteran must have served during either World War I or II, in Korea or Vietnam and be honorably discharged or still on active duty. The Legion has organized 16,000 posts around the world. The largest segment of their membership is made up of World War II veterans, and more than 800,000 members served in Vietnam. (For further background information see opposite.)

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February 25, 1988

JUDGE:

RE: Acceptance of American Legion Distinguished Medal March 1, 1988 Sheraton Washington Hotel Washington, D.C.

You have agreed to accept the American Legion's Distinguished Medal for Outstanding Service. This award is the Legion's highest honor, and has been given to eight United States Presidents. Additional information on the award, the recipients, and the audience is included in your briefing package.

In your brief remarks, you express appreciation for the award and acknowledge the efforts of those who have worked with you in the FBI and CIA. You note that the American Legion's members have served the nation with dedication and distinction in times of war, and you conclude by recognizing the need for talented and dedicated Americans in public service to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

I have attached your proposed remarks.

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Bill Baker

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PROPOSED REMARKS

ΒY

WILLIAM H. WEBSTER

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

AT THE

AMERICAN LEGION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CEREMONY

WASHINGTON, D.C.

MARCH 1, 1988

GOOD MORNING.

I AM HONORED TO RECEIVE THE AMERICAN LEGION'S DISTINGUISHED

SERVICE MEDAL TODAY, AND I APPRECIATE THE KIND WORDS OF MR. DEAN. I

HAVE BEEN UNIQUELY PRIVILEGED TO HEAD BOTH THE FBI AND THE CIA--A

PRIVILEGE THAT HAS GIVEN ME AN APPRECIATION FOR THE DEDICATION AND

COURAGE OF THE MEMBERS OF THOSE INSTITUTIONS. MY EXPERIENCE HAS

ALSO GIVEN ME A RENEWED APPRECIATION FOR ALL THAT WE MUST DO TO

SAFEGUARD OUR INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES AND TO PRESERVE OUR NATION'S

FREEDOM.

I AM ESPECIALLY HONORED TO RECEIVE A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION, WHOSE MEMBERSHIP HAS SERVED THIS COUNTRY WITH DEDICATION AND DISTINCTION IN TIMES OF WAR. YOU AND OTHERS WHO HAVE SERVED THIS NATION ARE NOT PREOCCUPIED BY FAME OR FORTUNE, BUT HAVE SEEN A WAY TO EXPRESS YOUR COMMITMENT AND YOUR ASPIRATIONS FOR

A SAFER AND A BETTER WORLD. THIS IS WHY YOU SERVED, AND WHY, GOD WILLING, ENORMOUSLY TALENTED AND DEDICATED AMERICANS WILL BE JOINING US FOR THE GREAT CHALLENGES. NOT YET ENTIRELY DEFINED, THAT WILL BE WAITING FOR US TOMORROW.

THANK YOU FOR HONORING ME TODAY.

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December 3, 1987 77-48-2

Honorable William H. Webster Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

To assist you in planning for your attendance at our annual Washington Conference to be held February 29 - March 2, 1988, I am enclosing a schedule of events for the conference.

More information on your appearance to receive our Distinguished Service Medal will be forthcoming at a later date through Mylio S. Kraja, Executive Director of our Washington Office.

Best wishes for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

SPANOGLE

National Adjutant

Enc.

John P. "Jake" Comer - National Commander James P. Dean - Past National Commander

Mylio S. Kraja - Executive Director, Washington

E. Philip Riggin - Legislative Director



ALL MEETINGS SCHEDULED AT THE SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS - WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 2, 1988

Sunday, Fe	ebruarv	28.	1988
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9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Dept. Service Officers Seminar

Baltimore/Annapolis

12:00 noon

Registration

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2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Veterans' Planning and Coordinating Committee Marshall Room

Monday, February 29, 1988

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

ANAVICUS Breakfast

Sheraton North

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OFFICE

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. through Wed., March 2

National Commander National Adjutant

National Judge Advocate

Executive Directors

National Treasurer

Finance

Johnson Room

Eisenhower Room

Roosevelt Room

Kennedy Room

Public Relations

VA & Rehabilitation/Economics Legislative/Americanism and C&Y Natl. Security/Foreign Relations/

Truman Room

Taft Room

Internal Affairs

MEETINGS

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Economic Commission

Dover Room

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Natl. Security/Foreign Relations (Joint Meeting)

South Sheraton . Holmes Room

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Finance Commission Public Relations Commission VA & Rehabilitation Conference

Warren Room Virginia Room Idaho Room

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Amer. Legion Magazine Commission

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

National Security Commission Foreign Relations Commission

Maryland Room Wilmington Room

Tuesday, March 1, 1988

HILL DAY

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. YE STEIVOS Breakfast Cotillion 8:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Legislative Rally Sheraton

> IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING RALLY Meeting of Department Liaison Sheraton

Representatives

Membership to Capitol Hill 11:00 a.m.

VA & Rehabilitation Virginia Room 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. American Legion Magazine Marshall Room National Commander's 2:00 p.m. Advisory Committee Idaho Room

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S RECEPTION

National Commander's Reception 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 106 Dirksen in Honor of Members of Congress B 357 Rayburn Foyer Rayburn

Wednesday, March 2, 1988

7:30 a.m 9:00 a.m.	Dept. Service Officers Breakfast	Sheraton North
9:00 a.m.	Economic Commission	Dover Room
9:00 a.m.	Foreign Relations Commission	Wilmington Room
9:00 a.m.	Legislative Commission	Idaho Room
8:30 a.m.	National Security Commission	Maryland Room
9:00 a.m.	VA & Rehabilitation Commission	Arlington/Alexandria

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S LUNCHEON

11:30 a.m. Reception Sheraton Fover 12:15 p.m. Sheraton Ballroom Luncheon

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October 27, 1987 77-48-2

Honorable William H. Webster Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

Thank you for your letter of October 19. We are pleased you will be able to accept The American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal on Tuesday, March 1, during our Washington Conference.

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Washington Conference of The American Legion will be held on February 29 - March 2, 1988, in Washington, D. C. The Sheraton Washington Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road at Connecticut Avenue, N. W., will be the conference site.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1988, a Legislative Rally for all conferees will commence at 9:00 a.m. The exact location of the Legislative Rally will be provided to you in November when the schedule of events is finalized. We have scheduled the presentation of The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal to you for approximately 10:00 a.m. during the Legislative Rally. Past National Commander James P. Dean of Mississippi will make this presentation on behalf of The American Legion.

A reception honoring the Congress of the United States will be held on Tuesday evening, March 1, hosted by National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer. We would be honored to have you in attendance. Information concerning the time and location of this reception will be provided when the details have been confirmed.

Mylio S. Kraja, Executive Director of The American Legion's Washington Office, 1608 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., 20006; (202) 861-2711, will be in direct contact with you to complete the details of your visit.

For introductory purposes, please send me a copy of your biographical data.



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Honorable William H. Webster Page two October 27, 1987

We look forward to meeting you and to the pleasure of presenting this award to you during our 1988 Washington Conference.

Sincerely,

ROBERT W. SPANOGLE National Adjutant

cc: John P. "Jake" Comer - National Commander
James P. Dean - Past National Commander
Mylio S. Kraja - Executive Director, Washington
William D. Jackson - Executive Director, Indianapolis
Hubert R. Dagley, II - Public Relations Director
E. Philip Riggin - Legislative Director
Raymond C. Patterson - Internal Affairs Director

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The American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal

Sheraton Washington Hotel

Washington, D.C. 1 March 1988

The American Legion National Adjutant, Robert W. Spanogle, has invited you to receive the Legion's Distinguished Service Medal on Tuesday, 1 March sometime between 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. According to Mr. Spanogle, the actual presentation and remarks will take no longer than 20 minutes. You could expect an audience of approximately 2,000 Legionnaires and Auxiliary members at The American Legion's Washington Conference. Past National Commander James P. Dean would be making the presentation and you could expect media coverage. Due to a conflict in your schedule, you were unable to receive this award at their annual convention in

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Mr. Robert W. Spanogle National Adjutant The American Legion National Headquarters P.O. Box 1055 Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

Dear Mr. Spanogle:

Many thanks for your invitation to receive The American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal on Tuesday, March 1st during The American Legion's Washington Conference at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. I am pleased to accept the honor and look forward to meeting with your delegates. As you know, I was disappointed that I was unable to attend your August Convention.

A member of my Public Affairs will contact you concerning the arrangements for the presentation.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Isl William H. Webster

William H. Webster Director of Central Intelligence



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September 2, 1987 2-48-2

Mr. William M. Baker Director, Public Affairs Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Baker:

James P. Dean, Past National Commander of The American Legion, has asked me to respond to your letter of August 12, 1987, concerning the presentation of The American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal to the Honorable Judge William H. Webster.

We fully realize the inability of Judge Webster to attend our 69th annual National Convention that was held at San Antonio, Texas, because of scheduling conflicts.

We would respectfully request that if Judge Webster be available on Monday, March 1, 1988, during The American Legion's Washington Conference, the medal could be presented during our Legislative Rally. There are nearly 2,000 Legionnaires and Auxiliary members in attendance during the rally.

Past National Commander James P. Dean would be making the presentation to Judge Webster. If March 1, 1988, can be scheduled for Judge Webster between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, the actual presentation and remarks taking no more than twenty (20) minutes, you may contact me at the above address and phone.

Sincerely,

ROBERT W. SPANOGLE National Adjutant

cc: O. B. Revell - Assistant Director Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mylio S. Kraja - Executive Director Washington Office